

Chester Municipal Electric Light Department
15 Middlefield Road, Chester, MA 01011

Commissioner's Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Present: Deryck Savoy, Beth Lansing, Lori Fieldstad , Diane Hall,
Guests: Andrew Alward, Craig Gauthier

Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Lori Fieldstad

Reviewed inaccurate PTO accruals on excel sheets and timecards. Lori requested a copy of Cooper's hire letter back in 2022.

Recommended scheduling a meeting with Alan Robinson at Russell Municipal Electric Dept. to discuss the possibility of a partnership with CMELD and Russell as Alan will be retiring effective 7/1/26. He is considering doing some work for them on a part-time basis but would be interested in discussing the benefits of partnering with CMELD for the future. Diane will call and schedule a meeting.

Presented to the Commissioners a Lineman Apprentice "step-raise" schedule for Cooper Chechile. This was based on an industry standard of issuing raises from the time of hire until he completes his 4-year program at NEPPA, bringing him to a percentage of Journeyman Lineman wages. The Commissioners approved this increase.

Discussed Harper's Payroll coming on board with the next payroll. CMELD employees will be required to punch in and for ½-hour unpaid lunch. Diane will approve timecards for Rosanne, Dan and Cooper and will send her timecards to Deryck for approval.

MMWEC sent information on a "summer generator rental" program. Diane called to get more information on pricing, and they will get back to us when they know. She also requested information on what other municipal light departments in Mass have participated in the past.

It was brought up again that there needs to be an inventory of all poles, transformers, etc. and could be done by street to establish a Capital Asset account. Deryck mentioned that this could be done after the weather improved. It was also suggested to contact Alan in Russell to see if they had an Asset Management program.

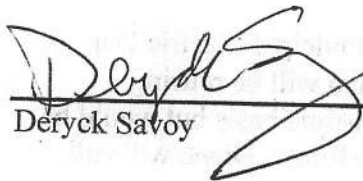
Bob Daley had been at the last Commissioner's meeting and had mentioned that Templeton (MA) had a combined water and electric division. He suggested that we take a road trip up there to see how it was managed. The Commissioners decided, now, that there would be no benefit for CMELD to do this. It was also brought up that there could be no merging of Enterprise Funds.


The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m. by Lori Fieldstad and seconded by Beth Lansing.

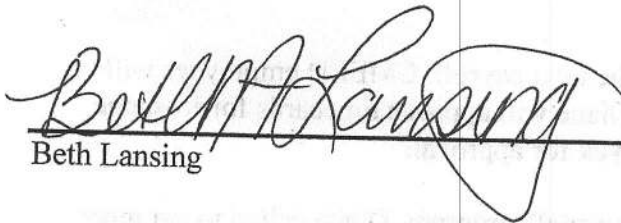
Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Hall
Manager
CMELD

Approved:


Deryck Savoy


Lori Fieldstadt


Beth Lansing